

Good day class, my name is Robert Potter, and I will be joining you for this class this month. I have a lot of experience in the networking world as I am a journeyman electrician, and I have also been studying to transition into IT for the last year, with networking being a huge part of that. I have several certifications already, and I was a Computer Ride and Show Technician at Disney for almost six years. I also spent around a month studying for but never took the CCNA twice. I first took networking back in 2002, so as you can tell I've been working with computers in a non-professional way for almost 30 years.

I can recall many times that networking has caused issues both in the workplace and in my private life. One example is while working at Tower of Terror we lost all connectivity with the ride system. After an investigation, we discovered a layer 1 issue where an RJ-45 connector had simply worn out and wasn't staying in the port anymore. We replaced the connector and brought the ride back online after a short downtime. Another example from my personal life is when I ran some Nessus scans on my home network. Apparently, Quantum's Wi-Fi routers do not like being scanned, and it brought down my entire Wi-Fi network. This was fixed with a hard reset of the network equipment.

I feel that I have a pretty good understanding of networking. I do have issues with certain acronyms and with instant recall of all the different ins and outs of it. I would also like to understand subnetting a little better by the end of this class. I want to refresh myself on all aspects of networking, and I am also planning on taking the Network+ in a month or two since it is one of the foundational certifications I would like to have.

I am looking to move into a career in either vulnerability management or remediation, DevSecOps, OT cybersecurity for ride systems, or a SOC role. I have been doing TryHackMe labs and learning paths and have already obtained the CompTIA Security+ and ISC2 CC. I also plan on taking the CySA+ soon as well.

I'm looking forward to talking and interacting with all the in-person people this month and having a great class. I have heard great things about our instructor, so I am really looking forward to it.